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REF: A. DAMASCUS 1647; B. STATE 179199

1. WHEN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE FOR APPLIANCES WAS SUBMITTED THE POST DID NOT INCLUDE REQUIREMENT FOR MARINE HOUSE AND NCOIC QUARTERS. POST THEREFORE REQUIRES FIFTEEN EACH STOVES, WASHING MACHINES, DRYERS AND REFRIGERATORS. FIVE REFRIGERATORS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THUS FAR LEAVING TEN STILL TO BE RECEIVED TO MEET NEED.

2. POST WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT OF FIFTEEN STOVES MENTIONED IN REFTEL (B) PARA 1 (A). NOTE THIS INCLUDES REQUIREMENT FOR MARINE HOUSE AND NCOIC QUARTERS.

3. REASON WHY POST WOULD LIKE AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES IS EXPLAINED IN 1966 POST REPORT PART II PAGE 3, PARA 4. SITUATION DESCRIBED EIGHT YEARS AGO IS WORSE TODAY. IF PROVISION AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE THEN SPIN DRY TYPE WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO WRINGER TYPE. IF NO ALTERNATIVE AVAILABLE POST WILL ACCEPT FIFTEEN WRINGER TYPE.

4. TOTAL ABSENCE OF AIR DRYING FACILITIES IN VIRTUALLY ALL HOUSING MAKES DRYERS AN ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT. ELECTRICITY WHICH IS 110 VOLT IN 50 PERCENT OF HOUSING AND 220 IN OTHER HALF IS UNRELIABLE AND GENERALLY WELL BELOW

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QUOTED VOLTAGE. THEREFORE, POST RECOMMENDS THAT

DRYERS BE GAS VARIETY FOR USE WITH BOTTLED GAS. NAMES
BRANDS SUCH AS KENMORE, GENERAL ELECTRIC ETC., WOULD BE
SATISFACTORY.

5. EARLY SHIPMENT OF ABOVE APPLIANCES, WHICH ARE
URGENTLY NEEDED IS APPRECIATED.
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